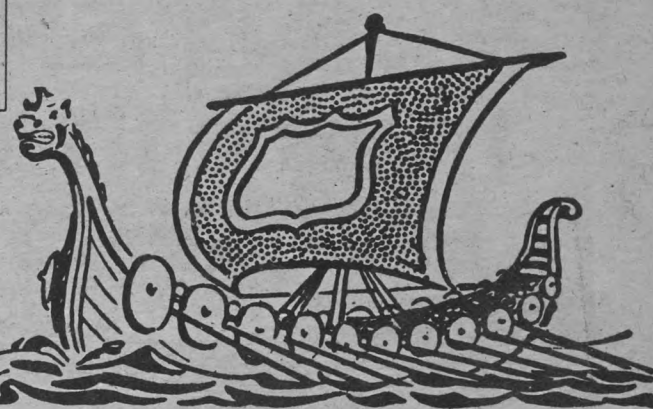


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HARV HAUGEN STILL PRESIDENT

Norwegian Ambassador to Attend Celebration

Under the Chairmanship of Jan Grude, plans are well underway to make 17th May, 1975 Celebrations, the best ever.

Plans include a large parade down Jasper Ave. to City Hall, where "The Day will be proclaimed and the Norwegian Flag raised." A luncheon will follow at the Edmonton Inn.

The evening celebrations will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Edmonton Inn. Out of town visitors are now making reservations for Saturday and Sunday at the Edmonton Inn, where all activities are centred.

His Excellency, Mr. Asbjorn Skarstein, Norwegian Ambassador to Canada will be the guest speaker.

To avoid disappointment, plan now to attend this gala 17th May weekend, especially the dinner and dance on the evening of May 17th by calling Mr. Grude at 454-9521 or writing him at the Edmonton Inn, Kingsway and 119 St., Edmonton. □

Do You Have Information to Help?

At the Annual General Meeting held on February 19, President Harv Haugen called for a volunteer committee to assist the Board by investigating all sources of grants for which the Centre might qualify. The following shareholders offered their services in this regard: Peter Elander, Knut Svidal and Molly Cooper.

As you know, various grants are available both from Government Departments and private firms, but they must be searched out. It has occurred to us that some of our shareholders may know of such sources; if you do, would you take a few minutes and call Peter Elander at the Centre (455-4355)? We feel that we must have all the information available as to where we might obtain assistance for our Centre. □

150th ANNIVERSARY OF NORWEGIAN IMMIGRATION

This year marks the sesquicentennial of organized Norwegian immigration to the United States, a movement which started 150 years ago when the sloop "Restauration" left Stavanger on July 4, 1825, arriving in New York on October 9 with 52 immigrants who came to be known as "The Sloopers". Today, their descendants are organized in a "Slooper Society" and will play a role in official sesquicentennial celebrations in Illinois.

The 10 years following the arrival of the "Restauration", some 800,000 Norwegians sailed directly to the United States, and an unknown number went via Canada. Some had religious

reasons for leaving Norway, but most left for economic or socio-economic reasons. A large number became farmers in the Midwestern states, others settled in New York, Chicago, Minneapolis and other cities and still others became fishermen in the Midwest or sailors in the merchant marine. In the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn, N.Y., there is still a remarkably cohesive Norwegian "colony". At the beginning of 1975 the population of Norway is slightly under four million, while the Norwegian element in the United States consists of more than three million people.

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SHAREHOLDERS ELECT 7 NEW DIRECTORS

Special Meeting Assigns Positions for Directors

At a special meeting of the newly formed Board of Directors of the Scandinavian Centre, Harvey Haugen was again made chairman of the Board. Other positions held are as follows:

VICE-PRESIDENT and INTERGROUP LIASON DIRECTOR — Per Nielsen
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ANNUAL MEETING HELD

The Annual General Meeting was attended by some 80 shareholders in the Viking Room of the Scandinavian Centre on Wed., Feb. 19.

Harvey Haugen, President, called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. He welcomed the shareholders present and introduced the Board of Directors.

Two special introductions were then made: Leo Regehr, Regional Co-op Officer for Edmonton; and Peter Elander, our new Manager, and his wife, Lili.

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Feb. 19, 1974, were read to the meeting by the Secretary. MOVED by Knut Svidal that we adopt the Minutes as read. Seconded by Tage Aaquist. Carried.

The President then gave his own report and those of the Directors as follows: Centre Operations
Treasurer
Share Sales
Flights (Chartered)
Scandinavian Centre News
Cultural Activities

Publicity

Social Functions

MOVED by Harold Markstrom that the Directors' Reports be accepted as read. Seconded by Arne Welling. Carried.

The Centre Auditor, Wally Broen, was called on to review the financial statements. There was a good deal of discussion, and it was pointed out by Mr. Broen that we had never in the past declared any depreciation, but that this year it had been agreed that an annual depreciation rate of 5% on the building and 10% on furniture and fixtures should be used.

The matter of share redemption was raised, and it was explained to the shareholders that we are obligated under The Co-Operative Societies Act, to redeem shares up to 10% of our working capital on receipt of six months' notice of such a request unless, in the opinion of the Board, our working capital had been impaired. Since our working capital has been impaired because of our loss on 1974

operations, in only very special cases will any shares be redeemed this year.

MOVED by Anders Anderson that the Board of Directors in future be requested not to redeem shares. Seconded by Lili Corbett.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Tom Nielsen that the words "except in dire cases" be added to the motion. Seconded by Tage Aaquist.

Anders Anderson consented to the amendment to his motion.

MOVED by Olaf Larsen that the motion as amended be tabled. Seconded by Ellsworth Halberg. Carried.

MOVED by Knut Svidal that the financial report be accepted. Seconded by Tage Aaquist. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORTS

Anders Anderson pointed out to the meeting that Les Greenham performs a service for the Centre in his weekly broadcast on CFCW in a manner which is above and beyond the call of duty, and that this should be recognized.

MOVED by Ellsworth Halberg that a vote of thanks be extended to Les Greenham for the services performed in the reporting of news on the Camrose radio station. Seconded by Sig Sorenson. Carried unanimously.

The Secretary was instructed to write a letter of commendation and thanks to Les Greenham.

It was asked whether the Scandinavian Centre News could not be out on the first of each month, as otherwise advertising of lodge functions does not always reach the membership in enough time. Our Editor, Les Morris, stated that because of the dates of meetings, etc., it is sometimes impossible for correspondents to get their material in by the 15th of the preceding month—for

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SPLINTERS from the BOARD

By Anne Sahuri
Publicity Director

Elsewhere in this issue of the Scandinavian Centre News there are the reports of different Directors for 1974.

As this is my last write-up for Splinters from the Board I wish to extend my best wishes to the new Board of Directors for 1975.

I would like to close with part of Kipling's poem "THE HERITAGE"

Our Fathers in a wondrous age,
Ere yet the Earth was small,
Ensured to us an heritage,
And doubted not at all
That we, the children of their heart,
Which then did beat so high,
In later time should play like part
For our posterity.

Youth's passion, manhood's fierce intent.
With age's judgment wise,
They spent, and counted not they spent,
At daily sacrifice.
Not lambs alone nor purchased doves
Or tithe of trader's gold —
Their lives most dear, their dearer loves,
They offered up of old.

Then, fretful, murmur not they gave
So great a charge to keep,
Nor dream that awestruck Time shall save
Their labour while we sleep.
Dear-bought and clear, a thousand years,
Our fathers' title runs.
Make we likewise their sacrifice,
Defrauding not our sons.

FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK

By Peter Elander
AS I SEE IT

All the Societies and Clubs within the Scandinavian Centre are doing some planning ahead. The bookings for the social functions are in. But this covers only for the use of the Centre Fridays and Saturdays. SOMETHING IS MISSING.

The Centre is almost empty Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Why isn't the Centre used more!!!!?????

As the Manager, I can think of several ways of going at it.

#1.

I can make an all-out effort to rent the halls out the whole week. If I can do this, it will make me look darn good.

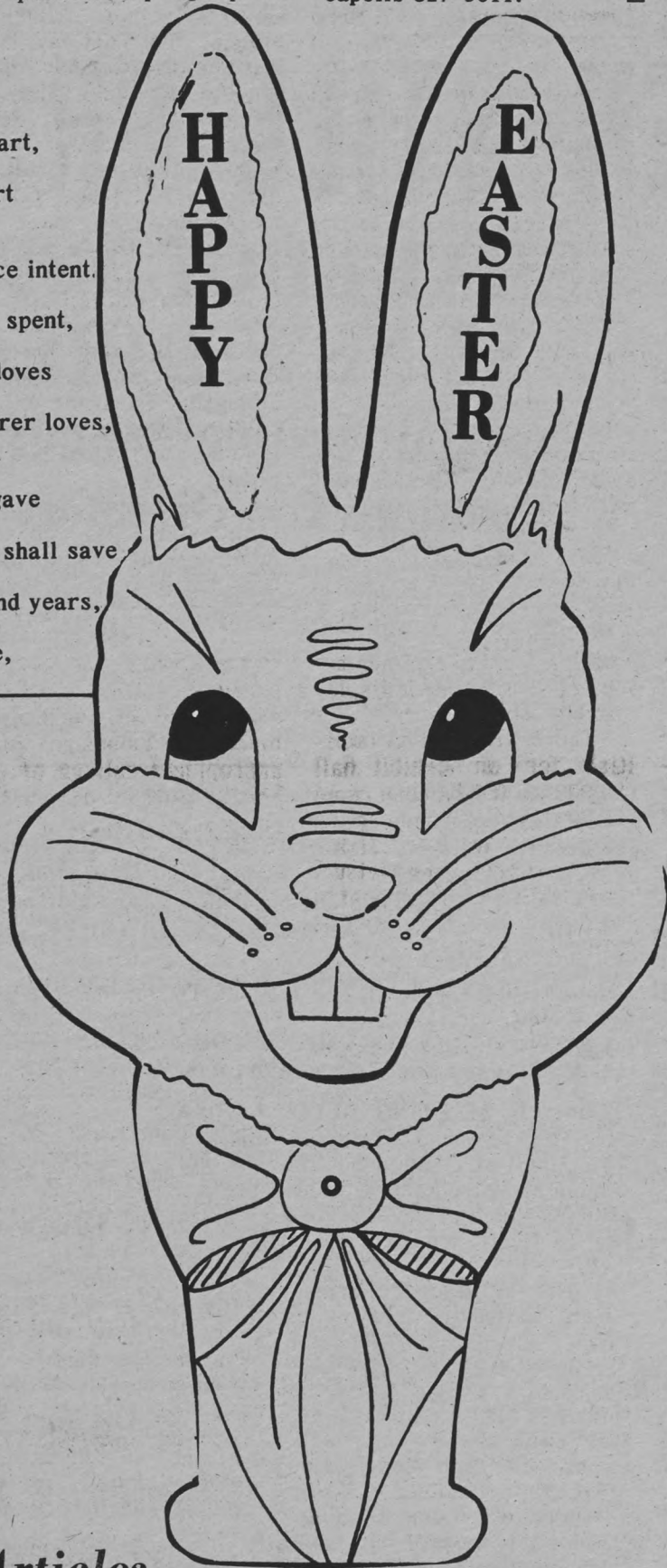
OR #2.

I can make the effort to convince the ethnic groups that the Centre is here for their use. If the Societies would use the Centre more during the week, it would make them look darn good.

What is it going to be? Let us talk. Can I help? □

Matrimony is one state that permits a woman to work eighteen hours a day.

Rip Van Winkle is the only man who became famous while asleep.



Articles

and Books

LAUGH WHILE YOU LEARN by Bent Vanberg is the newest publication by the Heritage Productions of Sons of Norway, Minneapolis. In addition to providing some entertainment generally, it also aims at supplementing instruction in the Norwegian language in an unorthodox, change-of-pace, and light-hearted way.

The publication was particularly geared to this year's sesquicentennial

celebrations of the first organized westward emigration from Norway to America, in 1825.

"Laugh While You Learn" was compiled by Bent Vanberg, author of "Of Norwegian Ways" and "So Deep Are My Roots", and editor of the Sons of Norway magazine, The VIKING.

For further information, get in touch with Heritage Productions or the Public Relations Department of Sons of Norway, 1455 West Lake St., Minneapolis, Minn. 55408, U.S.A., phone Minneapolis 827-3611. □

plorer Helge Ingstad's excavations of the ruins of Norse long-houses in Newfoundland, dated to the time of Leif Eriksson, are a fact. These finds are also buttressed by accounts in the Norse sagas. Ms. Stromsted further discusses the possible links between the Algonquin languages and the Old Norse tongue, the Scandinavian origins of countless place-names on the North American continent, the existence of "white Indians" and the early ties that existed between the Aztec civilization of Mexico and that of the Old World. This fascinating and provocative book has a wealth of detail and information hard to come by.

Published by Twayne Publisher, Inc. (283 pp., \$8.50). □

LETTERS

Please find enclosed \$5.00 for the paper. We enjoy every copy of it.

O. P. Ronning
Edgerton, Alberta

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Albin Markstedt
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SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT



By Selma Sorenson
COMING EVENTS

Sons of Norway will hold a General Meeting on Mar. 12 at 8 p.m. at the Scandinavian Centre. All members should be sure to attend.

Torske Klubben will meet on Tues., Mar. 4 at noon.

On the afternoon of Mar. 5 the Sewing Club will meet at the home of Eleanor Anderson, 9111 - 142 St.

The Valentine Fun Night on Feb. 15 was poorly attended; however those who were there had a most enjoyable evening playing cards, scrabble and singing. A delicious lunch was served. Highlight of the evening was an Earlybird Draw (unscheduled) in connection with the Heritage Lottery. Lucky prize winners were Mrs. Inga Glomsrud and Mr. Claus Jacobsen.

Heritage Lottery tickets are now on sale and can be purchased from all Sons of Norway Lodge members in Grande Prairie, Edmonton, Camrose, Calgary and Claresholm, Alberta. Funds from the raffle will be used to support Cultural activities undertaken by any of the five Sons of Norway Lodges in Alberta. Heritage Lottery draw dates are Mar. 22, 1975 at Camrose, Alta (2 draws), and May 17, 1975 at Edmonton, Alta. (4 draws). All draws offer very worthwhile prizes which is topped by draw number 6 which is a round trip for two to Oslo, Norway OR \$1,200.00 in Canadian currency. Anders Anderson is chairman of the Lottery Committee.

The 1975 Sons of Norway Language Camp, subsidized in part by the Heritage Lottery, will be held at Silver Summit from Aug. 1 to 10. Bjarne Myhre, 10624 - 63 Ave. is already taking applications and looking for instructors.

Helge Nilsen reports that there will be a ski trip to Jasper on Apr. 11 and 12. Whistlers Youth Hostel at \$1.50 per night has been booked. For further information phone Helge at 434-4300.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Harry and Beatrice Huser on the loss of Harry's brother-in-law, Francis Evans.

Betty McKevitt had her friend, Barbara Ponech, of

Wainwright as a guest recently.

Inge and Betty Anderson and son, Sidney, have been in Portland, Oregon where Sidney participated in playing hockey. Prior to leaving for Oregon, Inge had attended a Water Resources Convention in Regina and Winnipeg.

Nick and Alex Hovde visited their sister, Inez Hilderman, in Grande Prairie and helped Inez celebrate her birthday.

Congratulations to Gordon and Carol Berdahl on the arrival of their daughter, Karie, on Oct. 23.

Also congratulations to Mrs. Edel Mickla on winning a trip to Spain in April. She was top sales manager in Canada for Avon in 1974.

Knut Svidal spent a hectic two days in Calgary attending the teachers convention in connection with The Teachers Group Insurance Plan for Alberta.

Get well wishes go out to Lydia Naverseth, Hannah Faltinson and Johanna Reno. Johanna Reno will be hospitalized for some time at the Allen Gray Auxiliary Hospital, 7510 - 89 St. and would appreciate visitors.

Several of our members have been holidaying in the Aloha State of Hawaii. These lucky people are Andy and Mathilda Mjaatveit, Harry and Marilyn Mjaatveit, Brian and Heather Nilsen, Dale, Olga and Patricia McBride accompanied by Oscar Venoassen and family, Norman and Johanne Nilsen who were joined there by Mr. and Mrs. Erling Skuggedal of Prince George, B.C. ALOHA, all!

Aloha also to Olaf and Winn Dahl who left for Hawaii following a few days in Vancouver.

Molly Cooper reports members of her family, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. McKill, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Shaver and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hafso are also off to Hawaii.

Bob and Lorraine Sorenson chose Guatemala for a two-week holiday. Sidney and Rodney holidayed with their grandparents, Sig and Selma Sorenson.

Your correspondent for March will be Rose Svidal. Phone her at 436-1349 with your news items. □

purpose of the meeting was to acquaint the city's ethno-cultural organizations with the present concept and status of the Cultural and Convention Centre and to solicit additional information on the specific needs and requirements of the ethno-cultural groups so that they may be incorporated into the design of the Centre.

There were some 250 representatives of local ethno-cultural groups including representatives from the Cultural Heritage Council. Sister Astrid Hope represented the Norwegian group.

A survey in the form of a questionnaire will be mailed out to each group asking the various organizations to state what facilities they would like to see in the Centre and what use they could make of them. There will be 16,000 square feet of "undefined" space that will be left to the disposal of the ethno-cultural community in the form of meeting rooms, offices—whatever would be of the most use. Another 35% will be designated specifically for cultural purposes including meeting rooms, storage space, a dance studio, rehearsal rooms, a 1,000-seat theatre, a smaller "experimental" theatre facility and display space at all levels.

There will be other facilities for an exhibit hall (50,000 sq. ft.), banquet room (35,000 sq. ft.) for convention purposes. We were shown a splendid audio-visual presentation of the proposed building by Mr. James Wensley, Architect. This Cultural and Convention Centre would span between 97 St. West on Jasper Ave. to about 99 St., and from the brink of the river valley down to Grierson Hill Rd. with beautiful landscaping for park areas. The structure will be topped by the Canadian Aviation Hall of Fame and fall in four terraced steps down to the hillside, with two levels of underground parking.

A major problem is how to make sure the Centre lines up to the "Cultural" part of the title, so a suggestion was made to add another 12 representatives from within the Cultural Heritage Council to the already 13 members of the city-commissioned Advisory Committee.

There was a question period with a panel consisting of Mr. Wesley, architect, Mr. Cunningham and Mrs. Paul, Advisory Committee.

On Jan. 30, Sister Astrid Hope was invited again to McLeod School, 14807 - 59 St. The Grade IIIs are studying about Norway and as there is not much material available in libraries, they would like to have a display of different Norwegian artifacts, handicrafts and find out how Norway has

contributed to the Canadian way of life in culture, customs, handicrafts, etc. There were three classrooms in succession that afternoon where these questions were poured over.

The Cultural Heritage Council met Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 at the Edmonton Plaza. The first evening was open to the public and representatives of ethno-cultural organizations. They were invited to discuss their concerns, suggestions or opinions on cultural heritage values. The next day, committees on different aspects of the Cultural Heritage Council—i.e. grants, education, language, immigration, youth, culture, etc.—met. Many recommendations were made. As I am on the Language Committee, here are the resolutions that were proposed:

1. Be it resolved that credit be granted through a Department of Education examination in Grade XII for a language acquired through the home and the ethno-community.
2. Be it resolved that the examination be set by a member of the Ethno-Community with a Canadian teacher's certificate.
3. Be it resolved that the competence of the qualified persons setting exams be established by the Department of Language in an appropriate college or university in North America.

QUEEN CONTEST

The Queen Contest for the Sons of Norway is coming up. The competition will take place on April 19 and the lucky queen will be crowned at the May 17th festivities, this year to be held at the Edmonton Inn. Participants are required to have the following qualifications:

1. Ages — 16-25 inclusive.
2. Member of the Sons of Norway.
3. Must be Norwegian by birth or descent.
4. Must be single.

There will be a panel of judges and they will base

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S/N February Cultural Report

By Astrid Hope
EDMONTON CULTURAL
AND CONVENTION
CENTRE

On Mon., Jan. 27, the

City of Edmonton held an ethno-cultural meeting at the Edmonton Art Gallery Theatre with Mayor William Hawrelak present. The

ICELANDIC NEWSLETTER

By Les Greenham

My apologies to the people who contributed news for the January issue. However due to unfortunate circumstances the column never reached its destination. But fortunately we just recently discovered that we still have in our possession three copies of news items that were to appear in that issue. So to Mike Johnson, Jonina Eamon and Shirley Thorvaldson we shall start with that information. Sorry it is a little late.

First, we just recently had quite a conversation with Mike Johnson who lives at McQueen Lodge. He told us he had just returned from a visit with his sister and her husband, Steve Kolbinson, in Saskatoon. Mike and Steve were raised in an Icelandic settlement called "Holar" near Tantillon, Sask. According to Mike, Steve made quite a success of farming near Kindersley. He eventually bought a house in Saskatoon after the family had grown up. He then disposed of most of his holdings and lived in Saskatoon during the winter months. Steve, being musical and a lover of good music, took up the hobby of violin making and also collected rare violins made by Italians and other European masters. At one time Steve had a genuine Stradivarius for which he paid \$42,000.00. He also had in his possession a Guarnerius violin. In his quest for violins he visited France, Hungary, Italy and Switzerland. He also visited numerous dealers and collectors in the U.S. and Canada. The musicians in Saskatoon gather at Steve's home occasionally for private practises and also to examine his collection of musical instruments. He has a fortune tied up in these instruments and musicians from far and near consult him when looking for a good violin. Steve has even made some excellent instruments on several occasions. Mike said he really enjoys visiting Steve as he always has some recent purchases of new violins and bows. On Mike's last trip he showed him a case of 12 violin bows which

Mike valued at \$50,000.00 or roughly \$4,000.00 a bow. Steve is not an accomplished violinist but in recent years he has turned to the viola and can play well enough to join in an occasional practise with some members of the symphony orchestra. Steve's wife, Teresa, Mike's sister, is confined to a wheelchair with a severe case of arthritis. But both Steve and Teresa are enjoying the twilight years of their life. And so to you, Mike, we say thank you and I hope we haven't omitted any important details.

Jonina Eamon's mother, Mrs. Runa Danielson, of Gimli, and sister, Sigurlin Roed, from Winnipeg, flew to Edmonton not so long ago, and they had a lovely visit with Brinki Gudmundson and family. Brinki is a nephew of Jonina's mother. Sigurlin stayed three days then flew back to Winnipeg. She teaches at the Sick Children's Hospital in St. Boniface. Mrs. Runa Danielson enjoyed a visit with her granddaughter, Mary Lou Moldenhauer, and great granddaughter, Lori. Ten days later Jonina and her mother flew to Castlegar, B.C., to visit Jonina's sister, Lil Melstead, and family. They had several lovely sightseeing trips — Trail, Nelson and Newport, across the line — for coffee one afternoon. Bud, Lil's husband, took them on a sightseeing tour of the dam he is working on which is one of several on the Columbia River. After visiting for eleven days they came back to Edmonton and the next day Mrs. Danielson flew back to Winnipeg. This being her first experience with flying, she really enjoyed it. She will be 80 years young on Mar. 2, 1975. Jonina's mother was welcomed royally when she got back to Betel. She was really quite happy to get back there to greet all her friends and they had certainly missed her.

BILL MALMO MIME SCHOOL STUDENT

All of us who participated in Scandapades last year no doubt will be excited to learn

that Bill Malmo is now a graduate of the University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Physical Education as well as a Bachelor of Arts in Recreation Administration. He also has studied modern dance. He worked in Edmonton with the Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation. Also besides dancing and acting he has been involved in directing management and modelling. The Canadian Mime School was established last February under the direction of Myra Benson. It is the only one of its kind in Canada. If you would like details of the school, the address is Box 1102, Niagara on the Lake, Ontario, L0S 1J0.

HERITAGE OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, Jan. 19, representatives of the Icelandic Societies from Calgary, Markerville and Edmonton met in Markerville for the purpose of getting Alberta Icelanders active in the Centennial Celebrations of our people settling in what was then the Northwest Territories. This meeting was the beginning of the Alberta Icelandic Centennial Committee (A.I.C.C.) to co-ordinate what will take place in Alberta. The three objectives established by the committee are:

- (1.) to make the Stephan G. Stephanson farm site an Alberta heritage site.
- (2.) to arrange to have the Icelandic National Arts people from Iceland make their presentation developed specifically for this year's Centennial celebrations.
- (3.) and to collect heritage artifacts for a travelling museum display. The Provincial Museum has worked in the Markerville district documenting the life and material culture that is the mark of Icelandic Genius. They would enjoy launching an exhibit on the "Icelanders in Alberta" for the celebrations coming up this summer. But they need the co-operation of those Icelanders who have something to contribute. They are particularly interested in the material of everyday common life such as domestic, articulture and craft tools and utensils, furniture and clothing, toys, luggage and materials related to the literary and spiritual life of the Icelandic community. If material is not available to the Museum on a permanent basis, loans can be arranged. In such cases, please have a fixed value on the object for insurance purposes. Several types of exhibits are under consideration:

1. Mobile exhibits for the celebration at Markerville and to tour Alberta.
2. A permanent exhibit at Markerville.
3. A permanent representation of Icelandic culture and life in the folk life gallery, Provincial Museum, Edmonton.

Our main concern is for

the exhibit at Markerville this summer. If you have something to donate or loan, please contact Sam Thorkelson, 7951 - 92 Ave. or phone 465-3985 not later than the 18th of March, 1975. We sincerely hope that together we can give the public a glimpse of the remarkable genius of the Icelanders in Alberta.

At this point we would like to acknowledge a very nice letter from Corinne Gust. Now, Corinne starts off her letter with this heading: "Hi, you handsome brute. I have tried to reach you by phone and haven't had any success, so have decided to dash you off a note." To which I say: "Thank you, Corinne." In answer to your question: "Yes, we really had a fabulous Christmas and New Years, and yes, we were glad when it was all over." You said you and your family had a wonderful, peaceful, old-fashioned Christmas at home. Frankly, Corinne, I don't think there is anything that beats a good old-fashioned Xmas at home. You mentioned that the highlight of the holiday season was the visit of Bob's sister, Lyn, from Montreal. I can imagine what a joy it was since you hadn't seen her for two years and another joy which added to holiday festivities was the fact that you had all the brothers and sisters celebrate this occasion together. You say that you, Bob and Sean went to Vancouver for New Years and had a smashing good time. We ask the question, "Who is Sean?" Also do you recommend that Thorey and myself go to Vancouver for New Years next year? According to your letter, you went to Vancouver Island and visited with Fusi and Gladys Arnfinson and had a wonderful visit with them. Since the last time you saw them was on the sad occasion of Bill Halldorson's funeral. Delving further into your letter, Fusi is apparently your Dad and both your Dad and Gladys are in good health. Also it was nice to hear that your Dad's arthritis is much better. After a wonderful visit with them you then travelled up the Island to visit with your sister, Nina, and Andrew Weir in Nanaimo. According to your note, Andrew wasn't too happy with his work there and is moving back to Edmonton to accept a more favorable job with Gulf Oil. All in all, according to your words, you spent three wonderful weeks seeing and visiting friends in B.C. You finished off your note by saying, "the very best to you and yours in 1975". Now since our January news didn't reach its destination, may we say the same to you and to all of our readers. Also a big "Thank you, Corinne" for your contribution to this newsletter.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Icelandic Society are sponsoring a Tombola, planned for sometime in April. Now for the benefit of those who are not familiar with what a Tombola is, we shall try to explain. Items are tagged with a number and a corresponding number is placed in a box. You buy a number and get the item with that corresponding number. Items will be divided into different priced groups. The price of admission will be an item for the Tombola Table. However, many more contributions will be needed, so, ladies, when you are doing your spring cleaning, don't throw away things that you no longer have any use for, by all means donate them to the Tombola. The ladies will be collecting items such as ornaments, pictures, children's toys or games, lamps, clocks or almost anything that can still be used. It would be appreciated if these things could be collected well in advance in order that they may be sorted and priced. If you should have any donations, please phone Freda Smith at 489-0902.

NEW MEMBERS

These new members were supposed to appear in the January issue but better late than never, as the saying goes:

- ARNALDS, Ari and Sigrun — Barmahlid 13, Reykjavik, Iceland
 AUGUSTSON, Hilmi and Elin — 145 Mitchener Park, Edmonton
 BJARNASON, Hafstein and Lillian — 2119 Grant Road, Regina, Sask.
 BOURGOIN, Maurice and Annabelle — 4908 - 142 St., Edmonton
 BRISTOW, Bill and Iris — 13904 - 86 Ave., Edmonton
 KOLTON, Roy and Margaret — 5 Huron Dr., Box 1375, Leduc, Alta.
 KRISTJANSSON, Indridi A. — 10512 - 98 St., Edmonton
 ROSS, Garth and Linda — P.O. Box 8354, Stn. F, Edmonton
 VALGARDSON, W.D. — 1863 Feltham Rd., Victoria, B.C.

Let us add at this point a vote of thanks to Gunnar Thorvaldson for a tremendous job well done. In order to keep the Icelandic Society active and solvent, it is imperative we collect dues.

BIRTHDAYS

- Belated birthday greetings for February to:
 Mrs. Ruth Florence on the 14th of February
 Gail Mitchell on the 16th, her 29th
 Trevor and Tracey Vigfusson on the 13th, our godchild, on her 8th birthday
 Birthday greetings to Mrs. Gertrude Johnson, Elmwood Lodge, on her birthday in March
 On March 28th to Ken Hawes, his 25th
 On March 31st to Mrs. Dianne Deroo, a wonderful

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VASA LODGE SKANDIA



By Millie Weiss

The Feb. 1 meeting was held in the Dania Room chaired by Leonard Petersson. The charter was draped in memory of Sister Ida Tell.

Get well wishes are sent to Gahnild Johnson, Lillie Boyer, Ella Skoog, John Gerrot and Paul Bassett.

Following the meeting a Whist Drive was held with Karl and Marjorie Leander as host and hostess. A good turnout was reported. The following people were lucky: **LADIES'**

FIRST — Evelyn Modin

SECOND — Anna Dodds

CONSOLATION — Beulah Hinton

MEN'S

FIRST — Albert Winquist

SECOND — Ed Hinton

CONSOLATION — S.E. Dodds

A delicious lunch was served by Helen and Shirley Berg.

Congratulations to Terry and Lorraine Haugen on the arrival of their son.

Andy and Ivy Ogren are enjoying the weather in Arizona.

Jim Markstrom has been on holidays in Mexico.

Noreen Markstrom spent Christmas in Stockholm with an uncle and aunt.

The Pearsons had a good

time visiting with their daughter, Marjory, and son-in-law, Harry Correll, for two months in Vancouver.

Anna Sund had a grand trip to Hawaii.

John and Mona Cumberbatch are traveling around enjoying themselves. Last heard from they were in Australia and had been on a bus that hit some kangaroos.

Bengt Kristiansson enjoyed his trip to Vancouver visiting the Corrells.

Elva Frederking has been very ill in hospital at San Clemente, Calif. Hope you are much better now.

COMING EVENTS

The Ladies Auxiliary will meet at the home of Magnus and Betty Pearson, 11418 - 130 Ave. on Friday evening, March 21 at 8 p.m.

Don't forget the Potluck Supper sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary on Sun., March 16 at 5:30 held in the Nordic Room, Scandinavian Centre. Vasa members and their families are welcome and bring something good to eat as usual.

The next meeting will be held on March 1 at 7 p.m. in the Dania Room. Jean Robbie will be hosting. A film will be shown titled "Isles of the Caribbean". □

that does folkloric dances and songs from the different regions of Mexico. That is a very bright and colorful event. It gives you an idea of the Mexican culture. Another is Xochmilco, which is a kind of lake that has boats colored with flowers, a kind of floating garden. There are parks and squares, and artisans' markets if you want to buy jewelry and clothes. Oh, another thing—do not come to Mexico without bringing warm clothing. It can get very cold at night here. January is their winter as well as Canada's. There were times when I wished I had brought my ski jacket. Mexico City's altitude is about 5,000 ft. and campers know it gets cold in the mountains even in summer.

We had a training camp up in the mountains at a place called Tantoco. I don't know if it were for our benefit or not but it actually snowed. Very wet snow, but it was still snow. It looked like Canada in the fall. Pine trees and snow. Quite unbelievable.

Another thing is Mexican time. If someone says meet me here at 4 p.m., chances are that you won't need to be there till 6 or later. That has happened to me so often now I don't worry about being left behind. We were supposed to leave our camp at 9 o'clock in the morning. Then they told us 9:30, then 10:30. We didn't leave till 1:30. We had to return to Mexico City and then leave for our project.

Our projects are in Indian communities and we work with a group of people called Brigades. These brigades consist of doctors, nurses, carpenters, agriculturists, bee keepers, teachers, etc. We live at the Centres where they teach. These people also go out to small communities to work. The veterinarian travels a lot but the teacher of handicrafts spends most of his time in the Centre.

A group of young people have formed a drama group and take their plays to surrounding communities. I hope to work with them if I can. We Canadians are going with them tomorrow to see their performances. Since we've been here it's been really nice. We arrived in Santo Domingo at 5 o'clock in the morning and had to wait in the bus for two hours before we could go to the Centre. That day we got settled but we were so tired from riding on the bus all night (about 12 hours) that everything was rather mixed up in our heads. To me it seemed like two days in one.

One day we went into the nearest large town. Huajuapán, and did some shopping for fruits and vegetables. I bought myself a poncho and some embroidery thread as well as a birthday present for one of our group. It reminded me of a Viking boat and I really liked it—all of wood with

MEMORIES

By Olaf Sveen

The day the Second World War ended in Europe is a memorable day for anyone who was around and an adult at the time. On the morning of May 8, 1945, we learned

for sure that peace had finally come. Not that we didn't know it had been coming for quite awhile, but during the occupation, our radio was confiscated so the

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a white sail and a serpent's head at the front.

I got a touch of the sun yesterday as well. My nose is now brighter than Rudolph's.

Last night was the birthday party for "La Mestra", the lady who runs the Brigade. A very good band with drums and guitars with amplifiers and trumpets played. So many things surprise me because of them being so unusual—a band like that way up in the mountains of Mexico!

The people in Mexico City

made us expect the exact opposite. It gets very dark here as well. It's 7 p.m. and really dark right now. I'm writing by candlelight. Something went wrong with the electricity today.

We start work on Monday. I think I'm really going to enjoy working here. The countryside is really beautiful here and people are really nice. There's only one problem—mail only goes out once a week so I don't know when my mail will get there.

Bye for now. □

HERITAGE LOTTERY

Torske Klubben Sponsorship

Sons of Norway Torske Klubben is raising funds to help underwrite the costs of the Summer Culture Arts and Language Camp now in its third year. In addition, these funds will help finance other projects undertaken by the Norwegian Community throughout Alberta to develop and preserve Norwegian cultural activities. Each of the five Sons of Norway Lodges in Alberta are helping to distribute and sell the Heritage Lottery. We urge you to help promote this Lottery by purchasing a book of 25 tickets for \$50.00 for resale at \$2.00 each to your friends and acquaintances. Contact the Sons of Norway Lodge in Grande Prairie, Edmonton, Camrose or Calgary OR complete the application form and mail it with your cheque to:

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A Letter from Donna

By Donna Cameron

I've been in Mexico for about 2 1/2 weeks now and have really enjoyed myself. While in Mexico City I stayed at the home of Ernestina Casas, the girl who spent Christmas with me. I didn't really see much of the city but enjoyed staying with her family. I can tell you about the things I saw and about a few others to visit if you ever decide to visit Mexico City.

Well, here goes. For you to really enjoy and understand Mexico City you should visit the National Museum of Anthropology. I learned a lot about Mexico in one afternoon. The museum is very large and I saw only a few displays, but what I did see I shall remember. You could spend weeks and weeks in that museum and still learn more.

There are many fascinating cultures that make up Mexico. The Aztecs and Mayans, Mestizas and many, many more. Just today I learned about another group of people who resisted white man's civilization for 2,000



Donna Cameron

years. Few people knew they existed until 5 years ago. There are many indigenous groups like that here. So many artifacts of a bygone era, so rich in culture—for me it is absolute fascination.

When I was in high school one of my favorite subjects was anthropology (cultural).

Being in Mexico gives me a chance to see different cultures, especially the Indian ones that are so rich in culture. I could go on and on and take up the whole paper but I should tell you of a few other things to see in Mexico City.

There is a ballet company

NORDSTJARNAN NEWS

By Sherry Havanka

The installation of officers for Nordstjarnan and Buford #577 was held at Lone Ridge Hall on Jan. 18 with a fair attendance. We would like to thank Buford Lodge #577 for coming out and helping with the installation of the executive for the coming year. Lunch and coffee were served following the meeting.

Members of the Installation Team were:

DISTRICT DEPUTY — Br. Bob Pearson of Buford Lodge

DISTRICT MASTER OF CEREMONIES — Sr. Bertha Edin

VICE DISTRICT DEPUTY — Sr. Annie Holmlund

DISTRICT SECRETARY — Sr. Doris Modin of Buford Lodge

DISTRICT TREASURER — Br. Carl Brown

DISTRICT CHAPLIN — Sr. Lynn Holmlund

DISTRICT OUTER GUARD — Br. Paul Bloedel

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY — Sr. Anna Bloedel

ASST. DISTRICT MASTER OF CEREMONIES — Sr. Helen Havanka

Executive members for the 1975 year are the following:

PAST CHAIRMAN — Br. Louis Thorsen

CHAIRMAN — Br. Henry Sjogren

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— Sr. Barbara Sjolín

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Br. Harry Holmlund

TREASURER — Br. Cliff

Robins

CHAPLIN — Br. Dan Edin

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Jenny Havanka

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Sjolín

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Sr. Lydia Remin

Br. John Holmlund

Br. Ron Holmlund

TRUSTEES —

Br. Louis Thorsen

Br. Carl Brown

Br. Sven Sjogren

Mr. Ron Fraser is up

and around after spending a

few weeks in hospital.

Our Local Lodge Curling

Bonspiel was held on the

evening of Jan. 31 and Feb.

1. Taking first in the First

Event was the rink skipped

by Gus Tabler. He was

backed up by Murray

Holmlund, Dave Ewart and

Mona Robins. Winner of the

top rink in the Second Event

went to the Dwayne Skjerven

rink. Members of his team

were Randy Holmlund,

Louise Torvinen and Terry

Wollin. A potluck dinner

US-Icelandic Agreement on Keflavik Base

From NATO Review

The following joint announcement by the United States and Iceland, was made on 22 October 1974, concerning the Keflavik base.

The United States and Iceland signed an agreement in Reykjavik today providing for the continued operation of the NATO base at Keflavik. Details of the understanding were given in a joint press statement issued 26 September, 1974, following discussions in Washington between Under Secretary of State Joseph Sisco and Iceland's Foreign Minister Einar Agustsson.

Participants in today's signing were Ambassador Frederick Irving for the United States and Foreign Minister Einar Agustsson for Iceland.

was served at noon and I'm sure everyone enjoyed themselves.

The February meeting was held at the Ben Holmlund's on the 8th with a very poor turnout. Plans were made for the Local Lodge Bowling on Mar. 9 and the District Curling to be held at Lethbridge on Mar. 8.

Recent hospital patients were Sr. Edna Nelson in Edmonton Hospital, Marlene Arndt and Carrie Thorsen in Wetaskiwin hospital. Mrs. Elvira Anderson is still in Wetaskiwin Auxiliary hospital. It will be a few months yet before her cast is removed.

JOINT PRESS STATEMENT OF 26 SEPTEMBER

The defence discussions were continued in Washington on 26 September between Icelandic Foreign Minister Einar Agustsson and Under Secretary of State Joseph Sisco.

Agreement was reached on various adjustments in the operation of the defence agreement of 1951. A reduction of US military personnel was decided and certain functions which so far have been performed by them will be taken over by Icelandic nationals. It was further decided that as soon as possible all military personnel would reside within the defence area. There will be a separation between defence and civil areas and the United States will participate in the expenditures involved.

Further discussions with regard to the detailed implementation of these matters will be held in Reykjavik. □

SPEAKERS FOR THE ASKING

The University of Calgary has continued an interesting program called "The University of Calgary Speakers' Bureau '75" which should make a significant contribution toward university - community interrelationships.

The speakers' bureau is now in its fifth year of operation and has proven to be a popular source of speakers on a variety of subjects for local schools, private and public clubs and service organizations. While in the main the requests are local Calgary, but arrangements are made which take the speakers much farther afield, their time permitting.

The 1975 brochure contains 167 names of U of C faculty and staff who have listed a total of 497 topics,

even older ones may appear, because emigration from the region is believed to have started around 1840. A most startling biproduct of the campaign was contributed by Olav Tobiassen Lindefeld of Kvinlog, who sent in a deed from 1595 for the Lindefeld farm. One of the oldest papers ever received by the Archives, it is in excellent condition.

The address of the State Archives in Kristiansand is: Statsarkivet i Kristiansand, Vestervn. 4, 4600 Kristiansand S. □

both professional and avocational. Most of the talks have been designed for general audience appeal so there is little chance of a presentation getting too "technical".

This year, in conjunction with "International Women's Year", they will be offering a supplementary list of men and women who can speak on topics relating to, and of particular interest to women. The list will be sent to anyone interested.

As for the costs to the organization requesting a speaker through the Bureau, they are proud to say "none". The members of the university community donate their time, except for traveling and accommodation expenses for speakers who accept out-of-town engagements.

Participation in this project seems to have been an enriching experience both for the university community and for the community-at-large. Many professors and other staff have expressed their personal delight at meeting with perhaps an elementary school class or service club, for example. For them it presents a challenge and a pleasant change from routine. Conversely, the many letters of appreciation received by individual speakers and by the University office bespeak a real appreciation of this service—but the best gauge of all is the continuing volume of requests for speakers.

One of the professors listed in the brochure is Dr. Alexander Malucky of the Germanic and Slavic Studies. Two topics of interest to Scandinavians are "Canadian Ethnic Studies" and "Multiculturalism in Canada".

For further information contact:

(Mrs.) Dorothy R. Patterson
Public Relations Manager
The University of Calgary
Calgary, Alberta
Phone Calgary 284-5724 □

NORWAY VOTED MEMBER OF ECOSOC

The 29th General Assembly on Dec. 4 elected Norway a member of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) for the three-year period 1975-77. Norway has previously been a member of the Security Council in 1950-51 and again in 1963-64. It has always been a part of Norway's UN policies to take on additional responsibilities in accordance with her obligations under the Charter. □

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Sesquicentennial: Letters from America

Interest in the 150th anniversary celebration of organized Norwegian immigration to the United States continues to be strong both in Norway and the United States. The Kristiansand daily *Foedrelandsvennen* has launched an "American Letter" campaign in cooperation with the State Archives in Kristiansand. Readers are encouraged to send in old letters which would help to document the saga of those who emigrated from the Agder region. Those who participate will have their names entered in a drawing for a trip to America.

The campaign has turned up some rather interesting results. The oldest letter so far dates back to 1848, and the paper has hopes that

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NEWS FROM ANSGAR LUTHERAN

By Pastor Holger N. Madsen
All participants in the Annual Supper and Bingo are advised that this event will be held on Fri., Apr. 18 in the Scandinavian Centre. Therefore we would advise you to circle your calendar right now so that you do not forget this Annual Come Together.

The other Spring Event, namely the Ladies Aid Spring Bazaar, to be held at the Eastwood Community Hall, will be announced later. Tickets for the grand prize or \$500 cash will soon be available. Watch for them coming to you in the Ansgar Newsletter.

Another present project which we have just initiated at Ansgar is that of compiling a history of Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church, which is to be published in commemoration of our 50th Anniversary. This we realize is still some 4 or 5 years away, however it is going to take some time and effort to get this information together and have it printed in a proper and attractive format. Therefore if any of the readers of this paper have some pictures of festive events of former days, or interesting items which you would care to lend us, we would very much appreciate receiving them and return them to you as soon as possible. The more "human interest" of this sort that

we are able to gather together, the more interesting this 50th Anniversary book will become. We would also appreciate hearing from those of you who would like to receive this booklet. We don't quite know at this moment what the exact cost will be, however we feel quite confident that it won't be more than a few dollars per copy, and certainly not over five dollars.

Any and all information which you might have to share you may mail to the church office at 9554 - 108A Ave., Edmonton.

Another item which we would like all the friends of Ansgar to be aware of is that we have now set up a Memorial Fund at Ansgar. Therefore if, for example, a friend or a loved one passes away and you would like to make a gift in memory of him or her, you may mail your contribution to Ansgar and mark on your cheque "in memory of". Our secretary will then send a card of acknowledgement to the family of the deceased that a gift has been received in memory of the deceased. The moneys of this memorial fund will then be applied to whatever sort of item that the Church Board decides.

Our best wishes to all our readers from Ansgar, with our invitation to come and worship with us during the Easter Season. □

Free Films from Norway

Films about Norway in 16 mm color and sound and with English-language commentary are available by written request to the following address:

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There is no rental fee, but the borrower must agree to pay return postage.

Orders must reach Modern Talking Picture Service at least two weeks in advance of showing date. Only two films can be requested for a single showing, and orders are only accepted for a single showing at a time. Please note that some films exist in a limited number of copies and may not always be available. Therefore, please indicate first, second and third choices, as well as alternate playdates.

What Happened In Norway (27 minutes)

A general presentation of modern Norway at work and at leisure.

Norway—Northern Neighbor (20 minutes)

A general introduction to contemporary Norway, showing how the country has grown from its isolated position in the Far North into a full-fledged member of today's world community and how its resources have been

developed to give the Norwegians their present high living standard.

Norwegian Architecture and Applied Arts (19 minutes)

Contemporary Norwegian architecture and design, briefly tracing its ties to traditional crafts but concentrating on today's achievements. Visits to workshops of leading designers, showing the creation of unique pieces of wood, ceramics, fabrics, crystal and silverware.

Ancient Art in Norway (20 minutes)

The animal motif in ancient Norwegian art is the theme of this film, displayed by the richly carved stave churches and the ornamentation of objects excavated from Viking graves.

Ski the Norway (27 minutes)

Film produced by Ivo Caprino. Norway is a nation on skis, and this film shows the fun of it all. Viewers see a challenging and beautiful ski country and also some very unusual skiers. Special photography makes this film exciting and humorous. Third Prize at International Ski Film Festival, New York, 1974. Available from MTP's libraries in Boston, Chicago, New York, Philadelphia and San Francisco.

Ski Touring in Norway (11 minutes)

The Norwegian way of ski-touring, with a handsome

DANIA DOINGS



By Lili Nielsen

DANIA'S SEVENTH WHISTDRIVE of the season will be held on Mar. 11, 1975, in the Dania Room of the Scandinavian Centre. Hope to see you all.

BIKUBEN will meet on the second Monday of the month and we hope to see you all on Mar. 10, 1975.

Our March Dance will be held on Saturday, Mar. 22, 1975, in the Viking Room of the Scandinavian Centre. This time we shall try something different and we hope it will be a good evening. At 8:00 p.m. we shall be showing movies of many events that have taken place in "Dania" and at 9:00 p.m. we shall start dancing. Food will be available later in the evening. We hope you will come out and maybe see yourself in living color on the screen and have a good time at the dance later. □

PROVINCIAL HERITAGE SITES BOARD INAUGURATED

By Rondo Wood
Information Officer
Heritage Resource Development

A public board has been appointed to assist the provincial government in determining its heritage sites program.

The responsibility of the Alberta Heritage Sites Board is to act in an advisory capacity to the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation, Horst Schmid, whose department, through the Heritage Sites Service, preserves, interprets and develops Alberta's historic locations.

Established under the terms of the Alberta Heritage Act, 1973, the board will work closely with various organizations, societies and individuals. To

young couple.

Bird Cliffs of Lofoten (20 minutes)

The film shows a way of life and the magnificent bird colonies in Lofoten. The bird-rocks at Røst alone are the home of at least 3 million puffins and 1 million kittiwakes, as well as rarer species such as stormy Arctic petrels.

I Was There (17 minutes)

A trip by train, bus and boat through the southern and western part of coastal Norway, showing a diversity of geographic features and charming scenery. The Bergen fish market and Hasseløen Wharf, ships in harbor, the sunny coast of southern Norway with beaches and bathing, sailing and open-air dancing; a short trip to Oslo is also included. □

IN MEMORIAM

CHRISTOPHERSEN

Christopher (Stoffer) Christophersen of 10873 - 75 St., Edmonton, Alta., in his 85th year passed away Feb. 7, 1975. The funeral was held Feb. 11 from the Ansgar Lutheran Church.

He leaves to mourn his loss, besides his loving wife, Ida, two sons, Earl, of Winnipeg and Daniel of Edmonton; 5 daughters, Minna Ranger of Toronto, Ella Robertson of New Westminster, B.C., Alice McKelvey and Enid Dubois of Winnipeg and Lilly May of Edmonton; 17 grandchildren; 30 great grandchildren; and one brother, Christian of Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. Christophersen was predeceased by a daughter, Betty, in 1961.

Pastor Holger Madsen officiated and he was buried in Westlawn Memorial Park.

Mr. Christophersen was born in Aalborg, Denmark, Mar. 19, 1890. He emigrated to Canada in 1913. He was an Honorary Life Member of the Society Dania, and a member of the Ansgar Lutheran Church, Edmonton. □

ensure that it has wide provincial representation, it will hold meetings in several centres in Alberta.

Horst A. Schmid cited the vast experience and interest in historical matters which characterizes the

board members. "They will provide a great asset to the heritage resource development of the province," he said. The Minister attended the board's January meeting in Edmonton.

The first chairman of the Heritage Sites Board is Brian Edwards of Edmonton, a well-known architect with considerable experience in the historic preservation field. Mr. Edwards was a member of the earlier provincial Historic Sites Advisory Committee, which was replaced by the new Board, and was chairman of a special committee which investigated the possibility of preserving Calgary's Rundle Lodge.

Arthur Gregg of Edmonton has been named vice-chairman. A prominent investment dealer, Mr. Gregg also served on the former Historic Sites Advisory Committee and chaired the 1973 United Fund Campaign in Edmonton.

Other members of the new Heritage Sites Board include: John P. Klemp of Calgary, a general insurance adjuster who has been prominent in community activities; Mrs. Mary Lobay of Edmonton, high-

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FINNISH SOCIETY



By Elmer Kankkunen

The Finnish Society held its annual meeting on Jan. 26 at the Scandinavian Centre with some 30 members in attendance.

Janna Geitel's humorous review of events of the past year was very well received and set the tone for the meeting. We actually heard laughter and joking, a welcome change from the bared fangs sometimes seen in the past.

The various reports including the treasurer's report indicated we had something to smile about. Attendance had increased at most functions, our club's bank balance had improved, and we had had some good times.

Mr. Veikko Kujala was chosen as chairman for the meeting, Janna Geitel as secretary. Acting on Mr. Kujala's suggestion, a moment's silence was observed to honour the memory of Tony Salomaa who passed away in Kelowna, B.C., during the past year.

In the election of officers, Keikki Sario was re-elected president by acclamation, then the following were elected by secret ballot: Irja Kuusela, Janna Geitel, Jaakko Thurlin, Pentti Sipari, Markku Erkvaara, Elmer Kankkunen, Airi Langeste and Esa Kanerva.

Mrs. Sirkka Ristola was elected to represent the Finnish Society at the Scandinavian Centre Annual meeting. She was also chosen as the local Suomi-Seura representative. Mrs. Bertha Rama promised to continue her job as flower girl, also correspondents Vaino Rastas to the Vapaa Sana, Elmer Kankkunen to Scandinavian Centre News promised to continue as before. Mrs. Anne Sahuri was elected to represent us at Cultural Heritage functions. Mrs. Airi Langeste received special thanks for her efforts in submitting articles to the Scandinavian Centre News and was encouraged to keep it up.

NEWS FROM FINLAND

By Airi Langeste
HIGH WATER CAUSES
HAVOC FOR OPERA FANS

On Jan. 23, high winds and winter storms caused the sea water level to rise almost 2 meters in Oulu and surrounding area. The opera "Patarouva" was being shown at the City Theatre when the performance was interrupted long enough for the audience to go out and save their cars from the market square parking lots. After a short break in the performance the cast continued only to find afterwards that the sea water had taken over the dressing room floors.

Because of the heavy rains and snowless winter

At a brief meeting held immediately after the annual meeting the newly elected executive made the following selections:

PRESIDENT — Heikko Sario
VICE-PRESIDENT — Pentti Sipari
SECRETARY — Elmer Kankkunen
TREASURER — Jaakko Thurlin
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY — Airi Langeste
PUBLIC RELATIONS SECRETARY — Janna Geitel
ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE — Pentti Sipari
WOMEN'S AUXILIARY — Irja Kuusela, S. Kankkunen
FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Plans for future activities were formulated at a meeting of the executive held Feb. 6. Coming events include:

Feb. 23 — Laskiaset-ski meet at Elk Island Park.
Feb. 28 — General Meeting and Kelevala Celebration at Vaino Rastas' residence.
Mar. 8 — Dance at the Scandinavian Centre.
Mar. 12 — Coffee Party with the Finnish Ambassador.
Mar. 21 — Spring Fling Dance.

The Finnish choir has been re-activated under the leadership of Mr. Tapani Erkkila and practices are being held every Wednesday at the Scandinavian Centre. □

in Finland, the need of rubber boots rose by leaps and bounds. Oy. NOKIA Ab.'s last year's selling record of rubber boots in Finland was 2.3 million pairs, 400,000 pairs more than the previous year. Oy. NOKIA Ab. rubber boots are sold also in Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Iceland. In Iceland they are very popular, about 100,000 pairs were exported there last year.

One-quarter of Finland's city traffic accidents take place in Helsinki. Last year 5,000 accidents were reported to the police in Helsinki, and 60 persons lost their lives in these accidents, while about 2,800 were injured—10 of them very seriously.

On Jan. 17, the government raised the price of sugar in Finland more than 50%. The price of sugar there is now 4.42-4.58 Marks per kilogram.

SOME LATE CHRISTMAS TIME NEWS

The Christmas ham is still popular holiday fare and about 600,000 hams were sold and eaten during the holiday season this year. Also the post office informs us that Christmas mail was not quite as heavy in 1974 as in previous years but even so about 3.9 million Christmas cards were mailed and about 319,000 parcels sent.

EXCHANGE RATES

Effective January 27, 1975
Buying Rate and Selling Rate
U.S.A. Dollar — 3.4720 3.900
Canadian — 3.4850 3.505
Australian — 4.60 4.65

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school administrator and chairman of the Edmonton Historical Board; Gordon Crowchild, Chief of the Sarcee Band of Calgary, who has a strong interest in the preservation of native cultures; Richard Secord of Winterburn, former member of the National Historic Sites and Monuments Board, whose family has maintained a longstanding interest in Alberta history; Harold Sisson, QC, of Peace River, lawyer and prominent community leader; and Dr. Richard Forbis, Professor of Archaeology at the University of Calgary, previously active as Chairman of the Public Advisory Committee on the Conservation of Historical and Archaeological Resources. □

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only sources of news were the newspapers and they were run by the enemy, so a person had to read between the lines, to say the least. The other source of news were the rumours and they were often even less dependable. Anyway, the war in

Europe had ended and Admiral Doenitz had ordered his forces in Norway to lay down their arms and quit.

It is hard to imagine now what a happy feeling this gave to us. The weather was a bit nicer than average and there was no snow on the ground. I remember that to me it all of a sudden felt like summer. I decided to go and see my friend, the great accordion player Tore Aunebakk, so I got a ride on the back of the milk truck, for myself, my accordion and bicycle. There was a couple of other fellows back there besides myself. We all had bikes but we caught a ride as far as the milk truck went.

It is hard to believe how badly bikes were run down at the end of the war, and we had to go easy on them. I remember how I used to drive around the largest pebbles on the gravel road for if I hit one it could easily cause a blowout. Many people were using garden hoses instead of tires with tubes and the ride was slow, heavy and bumpy.

The milk truck was getting worn down, too, and it was using a wood burner for power. One time during the war, when one of my sisters caught a ride on it, a wheel came off and rolled into the river, so the driver had to borrow a boat and fish it out again. Another time I had a ride in the cab with the driver, I realized how bad the steering was. It was so bad that sometimes when he tried to turn right, the truck went left and that is especially bad in Norway where the roads are narrow. When it got real bad he would stop the truck completely to try and straighten the wheels out and kind of start all over again, it seemed to me. At one time during the war people were forbidden to ride in the back with the cream cans for sanitary reasons, but that rule had to be changed because it was one of the few means of transportation left for most people.

Looking around, we noticed that some people had taken the opportunity to hoist the Norwegian flag already. Our greatest day for flags, May 17, was of course still a few days off and it had been unbelievably sad to see empty flagpoles on that day all during the occupation. The flag was a symbol of Mother Norway and freedom all in one and we now had a right to use it again. Kings and flags might not seem important to many people nowadays but it was different during the war when it was about all we had to depend on and trust in together, and they made us united. In 1940 the King and the Government had fled to England, but it turned out that it was only the King and his family every one of us rallied behind. Politics are politics, peace or war, and many

disagreed with what the Government had been doing, after all, the people in the Government were only humans, but the King was something more and could do nothing wrong. We all know the saying: "Man cannot live on bread alone," and patriotism and faith in the King is something he needs besides bread. The war made us firm believers in the Monarchy.

Well, I finally got to Tore's place and he wasn't home. He had gone to pick up his radio from the schoolhouse where all the radios from his area had been stored since they were confiscated in 1940. (By the way, we never saw our radio again. The story went that the radios around where I lived had been shipped out in a boat and the boat was torpedoed and sunk.) After awhile Tore came home with a black radio he said used to be his but when he plugged it in not a sound came out of it so Tore cursed a bit but settled down when I started to play my accordion. It took a lot of nerve for me to play for a man like Tore at that time—him and all his knowledge about music, but I didn't think about that.

The word had gotten around that there would be music at Tore's place and soon the neighbouring menfolk started to arrive. Every single one of them had at least one bottle and started to celebrate the end of hostilities in all seriousness. Now there had been a notice in the papers not long before that all alcohol in Norway was being made from wood so now we knew that Norwegian spruce was being consumed. But nobody complained about the quality of the drink and it got real lively real quick. I heard one man say as he looked out the window: "Look who is coming. My neighbour, Per, and he was a Nazi just yesterday." It could have been just plain mud-sliding, but it struck me as funny.

By now the boys were getting in such a good mood that they had to find out who was the strongest and a man named Erik was. The fellows went out on a flat where the cows had been tied up the fall before, to do some Norwegian wrestling called "ryggak" and "broktak". I remember every time somebody got up after being defeated, that lots of dirt was stuck to his back but I don't think the participants even noticed. But Erik beat them all. He was the champ. You could tell because his back was clean.

Then suddenly a man people took for a real Nazi arrived on the scene. They called him "Oslo", apparently he hailed from our capital city and was now working on one of the farms in the neighbourhood, and they said he had a gun in his

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BUFORD VASA LODGE

By Delores Johnson

At the meeting on Jan. 30 the following new executive took their positions:

PAST CHAIRMAN — Br. George Modin
CHAIRMAN — Br. Glen Pearson
VICE-CHAIRMAN — Br. Kai Neilson
RECORDING SECRETARY — Sr. Betty Hanson
ASST. RECORDING SECY. — Sr. Bertha Neilson
FINANCIAL SECRETARY — Sr. Wanda Markstedt
ASST. FINANCIAL SECY. — Sr. Helga Hoyem
TREASURER — Br. Ronald Johnson
CHAPLIN — Br. Tony Lefsrud
MASTER OF CEREMONIES — Sr. Florence Pearson
ASST. M.C. — Br. Reggie Jacobson
CULTURAL LEADER — Br. Floyd Modin
INNER GUARD — Br. Kenneth Johnson
OUTER GUARD — Br. Albin Markstedt
AUDITORS —
Br. Eric Kvarnberg
Sr. Florence Pearson
Br. Tony Lefsrud
TRUSTEES —
Br. Eric Kvarnberg
Br. Albin Markstedt
Br. Bert Pearson

Two applications for membership were accepted and they were initiated at the February meeting.

Coffee and "goodies" were served following the adjournment.

On the evening of Jan. 18, Nordstjarnan Lodge hosted a joint installation with our Lodge. Among the members attending from Buford were: George and Doris Modin, Wanda and Albin Markstedt, Pat and Tony Lefsrud, Reggie Jacobson, Glen and Darlene Pearson, Betty Hanson, Floyd Modin, Hilda Modin, Ron, Ken and Dolores Johnson. Thank you, Falun, for a pleasant evening!

Honouring Gust and Hilda Modin on the occasion of their sixtieth wedding anniversary, there will be an "Open House" at the Calmar Senior Citizens Drop-In Centre on Feb. 16. Many, many congratulations to you, Hilda and Gust, on this wonderful milestone.

Joanne and Dan Denman are now living in Augusta, Georgia. Dan is with the U.S. Army based at Fort Gordon.

If there is enough interest shown, Floyd Modin will give Swedish lessons at his home. You can contact Floyd about this and some possible dates can be set up. Floyd is also busy doing leathercrafts and will take orders for handbags, belts, wallets, etc. He will also be going to the

Glenrose for additional therapy, and will probably be home before this is printed.

Wanda Markstedt and Berthe Neilson are two from among a group of Willow Creek Ladies taking lessons in "Ceramics" from Gunhild Ladouceur.

Mary Lunde spent a few days in Edmonton with her daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren.

Betty Hanson and Darlene Pearson have been attending furniture refinishing classes in Leduc.

Hearty get well wishes to Tillie Kvarnberg who is nursing a broken arm, also to Algot Pearson who entered University Hospital on Feb. 26 for surgery.

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pocket and it put a damper on the festivities. But the man just stood there and took in all the dirty looks he got from the crowd. It seemed as if he had consumed a bit too much Norwegian spruce.

But Tore didn't like the situation at all. It was now getting late in the evening, but it doesn't get too dark in Norway that time of the year, just a bit dusk. It was decided my accordion playing was the cause of all the people coming so we made a plan so I could get away from there unseen, by going around the barn and coming back on the road again after making a big circle. A couple of young people came along to guide me in the unknown territory.

Nothing much happened on the way home. I met what I would say was about a platoon of enemy soldiers marching on the road to Trondheim. They had twigs stuck in the muzzles of their Mauser rifles, and they were probably as glad as the rest of us that it was all over.

Even though we had been hoping for an end to the occupation for a long time, we still knew that all our troubles would not be over the minute the war ended and that it would take a long time to get back to normal again. The stores were out of just about everything. If we take for instance such an everyday commodity as bananas, we hadn't seen one in five years, and children were growing up that didn't know what we were talking about if we happened to mention that word. A song that became a big hit was written in Denmark in 1945 and it was called "Naar det kommer en baat med bananer" (When the Banana Boat Arrives). It didn't catch on in Norway until about a year later and we were still waiting for



Kitchen Corner

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MIX

2 cups oatmeal
2 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon soda
COMBINE
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup melted shortening
1 egg

1 teaspoon vanilla

FILLING

Boil together:

1 cup chopped raisins
1/2 cup water
1/2 cup sugar

Combine shortening mixture and flour mixture into dough. Divide into two parts. Cover bottom of baking pan with this layer of dough, press flat with ball of the hand. Spread filling. Crumple remainder of dough over the top and bake at 350° until brown. Do not overbake. Remove from oven and cool 15 minutes, then cut into squares. You may dip the squares in powdered sugar if you like.

Try this dish. Easy to make and so good.

TUNA RING WITH CHEESE SAUCE

1 egg
2 — 7-oz. tins tuna (drained)
1/2 cup chopped onion
1/2 cup shredded cheese
1/2 cup chopped parsley
1 teaspoon celery salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper

Heat oven to 375°. Beat egg slightly, set aside 2 tbsp. of the egg. Stir tuna, onion, cheese, parsley, celery, salt and pepper into the remaining egg. Set aside.

BAKING POWDER BISCUITS

2 cups sifted flour
4 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons sugar
1 egg, unbeaten
1/2 cup shortening
2/3 cup milk

Mix dry ingredients, add shortening and mix well; add milk and egg and mix just until flour is moistened. Roll into rectangle about 15"x10". Spread with tuna mixture. Roll up beginning at long side. With sealed edge down, shape into ring on a greased baking sheet. Pinch edges together. Make cuts 2/3 of the way through the ring at 1" intervals with a pair

that boat to arrive for a long time after that. Same thing with eggs; we got our first quota in late 1946 (or maybe it was early 1947) after six to seven years with no eggs,

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Cover dough with damp cloth and let rise in a warm place till double (about 1 1/2 hours). Punch down and turn out on a lightly-floured surface. Roll or pat to 1/2 inch thick. Cut dough in rounds with a floured 2 1/2-inch biscuit cutter.

Shape buns with fingers and place on a greased baking sheet, about 1 1/2 inches apart. Cover and let rise in a warm place till almost double (about 1 hour). If desired, snip shallow cross in each bun with sharp scissors or knife. Brush tops with 1 lightly-beaten egg white. (You'll have some left over—save it to use in the frosting.)

Bake in a moderate oven (375°) for 15 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove buns to rack to cool slightly. For frosting, add vanilla and about 3/4 cup sifted confectioners' sugar to the remaining egg white. Pipe frosting crosses on while buns are warm. Serve while warm. Makes about 2 dozen.

SCANDINAVIAN RECIPE FOR MARCH PONNUKOKUR

(Icelandic Pancakes)

2 eggs
1/3 cup brown sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1 tablespoon boiling water
1/2 cup sour cream or buttermilk
1 cup flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
2 tablespoons melted butter
2 cups milk

Beat eggs, add sugar, salt, spice and vanilla. Dissolve soda in water. Blend in with eggs. Sift flour and baking powder and add. Gradually add melted butter and milk, beating until smooth. Bake on heavy griddle or electric fry pan set at 400°, lightly greased when needed. Pour about 1/4 cup of batter on pan. Tip pan around to completely cover bottom. Brown on both sides. Sprinkle with sugar and roll up. Keep covered until all are baked.

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and I lived with a young friend in Trondheim at the time and we were doing what could loosely be called light housekeeping. I remember the dozen eggs we got between us disappeared just like dew in the morning sun. This brings us to the end of my story. The morning sun was getting up and I had survived my first day of peace. This is hard to believe, but they say now that a new war has broken out someplace in the world every five months since those days, but I didn't know anything about that, so I went to bed and slept peacefully. □

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example, this annual meeting. He felt that the omission of such news items would make for a far less interesting paper, and wondered if it would be possible for advertising to appear one month earlier. Stan Hafso also cited poor postal service as being responsible in part for the late delivery of the newspaper. The question arose as to whether it would be possible to have a Scandinavian orchestra for the New Year's Eve party, and Per Nielsen stated that the orchestra

which had been hired this year was the only one available at the time he began to make inquiries six months prior to New Years. Although Scandinavian orchestras cost twice as much as the one we had this year, Mr. Nielsen assured the meeting that one has been booked for New Year's Eve, 1976. It was questioned whether the Centre charges enough for rent, and Harv Haugen answered that rates had been increased the year before last. The Manager, Peter Elander informed the meeting that he had a few bookings already for 1976 and for that year he is quoting increased prices of \$160.00 for the Viking Room, \$85.00 for the Nordic Room, and \$45.00 for the Dania Room. Mr. Haugen stated that rates are to be reviewed at the earliest possible moment by the new Board of Directors. Knut Svidal pointed out to the members that we are going through difficult times and that running organizations such as ours is not an easy task. MOVED by Knut L. Svidal that a vote of thanks be extended to our present Board of Directors. Seconded by Peter Elander. Carried. **NEW BUSINESS** The President read a

letter received from the Cultural Heritage Council in which they asked that the Scandinavian Centre appoint a representative to that body; he then called for a volunteer to serve in that capacity. Anders Anderson volunteered to represent the Centre on the Cultural Heritage Council. Mr. Haugen then explained to the meeting that there are a number of grants available from many different sources, such as Governments and private funds, and that he wished to form a Grants Committee, to report to the Board but not be part of the Board, to investigate and search out sources and prerequisites of such grants. He called for three volunteers to form such a Committee, and the following members agreed to serve: Peter Elander, Knut Svidal, and Molly Cooper.

Leo Regehr of the Co-Operative Branch stated that he would be happy to be of any assistance in making any contacts where it would be helpful, and the President stated that we would very much appreciate any assistance Mr. Regehr could give us. There being no further business, the meeting was turned over to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Leif Oddson, who presented the following slate of candidates:

- Stan Hafso
John Quitzau
Erling Winquist
Elmer Kankkunen
Gary Johnson
Solli Sigurdson
Doug Peterson

Nominations were then called for from the floor and Ben Matthiesen was nominated by Arne Welling. MOVED by Sig Sorenson that nominations cease. Seconded by Wally Broen. Carried.

Ballots were distributed by the Nominating Committee, and members were instructed to vote by number, rather than name; the four with the highest number of votes would be elected to 3-year terms, and the following three would be elected to 2-year terms. Upon the count being completed, the following were declared elected:

- 3-YEAR TERM**
Stan Hafso
Solli Sigurdson
Doug Peterson
Ben Matthiesen
2-YEAR TERM
Erling Winquist
Gary Johnson
John Quitzau

It was stated that next year we shall require three Directors to be elected to serve 3-year terms. MOVED by Harold Markstrom that the ballots be destroyed. Seconded by Eric Pierre. Carried.

Nominations for Auditor for the coming year were called for by the President. MOVED by Knut Svidal that Wally Broen be our Auditor for 1976. Seconded by Bill Peterson. Carried.

Wally Broen was declar-

ed elected as Auditor for the Centre for the coming year. Nominations were next called for for five people to serve as Nominating Committee whose duty would be to present a slate of candidates at the Annual General Meeting to be held in 1976. The following were nominated: Mrs. Selma Sorenson — Norwegian
Olaf Larsen — Danish
Mrs. Sirkka Ristola — Finnish
Soren Sorenson — Swedish
Bill Peterson — Icelandic
There being no further nominations, these five members were declared to be the Nominating Committee. The Committee elected Mrs. Selma Sorenson to serve as Chairperson. MOVED by Tage Aaquist that the meeting adjourn. Seconded by Eric Pierre. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m. and the members present enjoyed a delicious lunch and coffee served by Stella Kassian.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Harvey Haugen

First of all, I would like to thank the members of the present Board of Directors for their excellent service; my thanks both to those who are leaving the Board this year, and to those who are staying on, thus ensuring that our Board continues to be a viable unit. In reviewing the past year, one of the keynote events was the dismissal of our manager and the acquiring a new one; we feel that the Management Committee made an excellent choice in Mr. Peter Elander and so far have nothing but praise for him. Mr. Elander is a man of action, and I trust tonight you will notice that the round tables and upholstered chairs are back where they belong—the chairs having all been cleaned and looking much as they did ten years ago. After the many, many complaints over the years, the Board of Directors saw fit to replace the old piano. All major piano suppliers in the city were contacted and submitted quotations; we purchased the beautiful new piano from Shaw Piano and Organ, and we would like to thank Stan Hafso because the closest tender to that of Shaw Piano was in excess of \$100.00 more. During the year we were informed by the Fire Department that in order to continue operating we must install emergency lighting and have all our drapes fire-proofed. The lighting has been installed throughout the Centre; it is an expensive installation, but as we do not yet have the final billing I cannot give you an exact figure. The drapes have been successfully fireproofed by our Centre Operations Director, Claus Jacobsen. We recently had an unfortunate incident happen.

During the cold snap someone who had a key entered the Centre by the front door and went out through the back door not closing it properly. The result was damage to the water pipes and cooling system in an amount between \$400 and \$500. Late in the year we received a letter from the Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation stating that we were eligible for a community hall improvement grant. The Board returned their application immediately and the Hon. Horst Schmid has sent us a cheque for \$2,000.00 which is earmarked for repairs to the roof and other outside improvements. In my search for things we should be doing to improve our Centre, I organized a small committee of interested people. We met a number of times and discussed many ideas as to how we might develop the Centre. Among the suggestions were the organization of a Past Directors' Club, a young people's group, and the supplying of promotional postcards. All three of these suggestions have been carried out: A Past Directors' Club has been organized under the leadership of our Honourary President, Sig Sorenson; Heikki Sario from the Finnish Society is in the process of organizing our young people to bring them into the Centre and getting them involved with us; the colourful postcard promoting the Centre is on order and should be available within the next month. Another item from the minutes of those meetings—Sunday Dinners at the Centre—is high on my list of objectives for the Centre, and our hope is to get this organized and operating either this spring, or certainly by next fall—on an every-Sunday basis. As Sunday is a high-expense day for staff, I am wondering if the five lodges would like to discuss this and operate it as a project on a rotation basis. Scandapades was not held this year, as we were totally unable to get someone to produce the Show in spite of an all-out effort. We will, however, definitely have a Scandapades next year! In the near future—perhaps at our 11th Anniversary Celebration—we shall be honouring the Hon. Horst A. Schmid, Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation of the Government of Alberta, by presenting to him a fully-paid share in the Scandinavian Centre. This share is bought and paid for by the Department of the Secretary of State, Ethnic Press Section, Ottawa, for the purpose of receiving our Scandinavian Centre News; however, since they cannot hold a share in any organization, they have asked us to present

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this share on their behalf to a person of note in our community. The Board of Directors unanimously selected Mr. Schmid in recognition of his assistance to all the ethnic groups in our Province.

Now we come to something that has been talked about for ten years—**EXPANSION**. In their January meeting the Board of Directors approved expansion for the Centre, and an architect has been contacted. At this point the new Board's job will be to carry this on, and we look forward to the support of all shareholders. We shall have to raise more money. Costs will not come down, and if we delay this much longer we may never have the additional facilities we need so badly. We have evidence from the Manager that the facilities we do have are constantly booked, and he has provided us with reports over the past month showing the number of times he has had to turn business away either because we were already booked, or because we did not have a large enough space. We hope to provide, among other things, a room which is twice the size of the Viking Room, as well as the five ethnic salons which were originally promised . . . perhaps in time provide an ongoing food and bar service which will make our building a nice, comfortable home for us. □

CENTRE OPERATIONS

By Claus Jacobsen

Being in charge of Centre Operations during the past year has been a very difficult job; as early as February bookings began dropping to a dangerous level.

The Centre was broken into during the first week of March, the fire door having been jimmied open to gain entrance; aside from several locks and door-frames which required repair, no real damage was done and our insurance covered the cost of repairs.

A flood during the month of June covered the entire basement with six inches of water. The heat ducts which are located in the floor in the basement were, of course, flooded and the pressed board moulds in the cement became soaked and collapsed, causing a problem of proper air circulation in both the Nordic and Dania rooms.

In spite of the many problems, there have been some bright moments during the year—for instance, the bright new drapes in the Viking Room which were donated by Stella Kassian, our prime caterer; we thank you, Stella.

And thanks to Tom Nielsen and Tage Aaquist, who helped put up the walnut panels on the north and south walls of the Viking Room. An all-over interior paint job was done by Sorensen Decor-

ating, and a beautiful new piano was purchased for the Centre.

A review of operations showed that bookings were down approximately 50% over the previous year, and in midsummer a committee was appointed to formulate plans for promotion of the Centre. The committee found that the main problem was the fact that there was often no one at the Centre to answer the telephone in person and that the answering machine was being used a great deal of the time, with unsatisfactory results. It was decided that it was necessary to make a change in management, and once again Tom Nielsen filled the gap for the Centre. Tom was with us until November 15th when it was time for him to rest up for his 50th Wedding Anniversary. On behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to extend a warm thank you to Tom for the invaluable help he has given us, and is still giving us with repairs to the building and furniture. I relieved Tom as Manager on November 15th and acted in that capacity until January 4, 1975, when our present Manager, Peter Elander, took over.

As Manager during the Christmas season I really found out what we could have done had the facilities been available. We must expand as soon as possible so that we can utilize more of the present space for cultural activities.

As a cultural organization we applied for a grant to the provincial Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation and have recently been informed that we shall receive \$2,000 for building maintenance this coming summer. (The money has already been received.)

The Centre is now under new management and we are looking for a banner year in 1975. □

TREASURER'S REPORT

By William Peterson

In order to maximize the return on the Centre investments, the Board authorized the surrender of the investment certificates which we had on hand December 31, 1973, and the re-investment of these funds in high-rate, short-term deposits. The funds were rolled over several times, depending upon the rate offered varying between 10% and 10 1/2%. Towards the end of the year interest rates declined and indications were that further reductions would take place in 1975. The Board accordingly authorized the funds to be invested for a longer period of time, and this was done; details of these investments may be had by referring to the notes appended to the financial statements. Present short-term rates vary between 7% and 7 1/2%, and one-year commitments up to 9%.

During the year the insurance coverage on the

Centre building, furniture and fixtures, and liability coverages, were fully reviewed with our insurers, Sorenson Assurance Service Ltd. The result was the raising of certain liability limits and broader over-all coverage. We are also in the process of having the Centre assets appraised on the basis of current replacement cost on the building, furniture and fixtures, for insurance purposes in order to ascertain adequate and proper limits on these items. □

SHARE SALES

By Eileen Peterson

Since the last annual meeting there have been 14 share sales and 30 transfers of shares. The share register is, as of this date, completely up to date and I would like to thank Mrs. Vera Nielsen for the many hours she spent in helping with this. You will be interested to know that a total of 3,398 shares are held by our members. Because the cost of supplies has, like everything else, increased a great deal, it was decided by the Board that a \$5.00 transfer fee would be charged on all share transfers commencing on January 1, 1975. □

CHARTER FLIGHTS

By William Peterson

The Centre participated in a summer charter flight and a Christmas group flight during 1974. The net profit to the Centre on both flights amounted to \$4,051.00. Again our flight organizer, Mrs. Vera Nielsen, has performed in a very creditable fashion.

The charters were organized by the Scandinavian Historical Society and the commissions negotiated were quite generous. For 1975 we have just completed similar arrangements with the Scandinavian Historical Society, although our commissions will be somewhat less. Prior to this commitment we contacted, at various times, Wardair, Air Canada, C.P. Air, P.W.A., Transair, and travel agents but without success. □

SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE NEWS

By Stan Hafso

I would first like to take this opportunity to thank our President and my fellow Board members for their support during the year. And on behalf of the entire Board I would like to thank all those who advertise in the *Scandinavian Centre News* and all those who have sent in donations; without this support there might not today be a *Scandinavian Centre News*.

The first paper was published in November of 1958 making this the 17th year of publication; let's make it at least another 17 years. It is the feeling of the Board that the newspaper serves a very useful function in keeping all our members informed of events that are of interest to them; this is borne out by the fact that donations

are received from as far away as Texas and California.

Prices have risen a great deal during the past year and have, of course, increased the cost of publishing the paper; this year we show a loss of \$5,281.00.

A great deal of thought and discussion has been devoted to ways in which we might bring our losses down and perhaps even arrive at a break-even point. As a step towards this goal the Board of Directors decided to institute a subscription service at a cost of \$6.00 per year for people who are not shareholders; we have had a good response, and the number of subscriptions is increasing each month. We are also currently in the process of investigating what help we might receive by way of cultural grants from Government. Most of all, though, we must have your continued support, and we urge all Scandinavian businessmen to add their support through advertising. *Scandinavian Centre News* advertising rates are extremely reasonable, and any amount spent

in this way is, as well, tax deductible as an expense.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and all our members I would like to thank Les Morris for the excellent job he continues to do as Editor of our newspaper. Upon inquiring, the Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation has informed me that in the near future some form of award will be instituted for ethnic publications in the province, and we are confident that the *Scandinavian Centre News* will rank near the top, and perhaps be the winner, of such an award.

I have enjoyed my work as Director of the *Scandinavian Centre News* and with the continued help of Board members and shareholders I know we can have the **GREATEST** Scandinavian newspaper in North America. □

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

By Margaret Cameron

During the year our five groups co-operated in arranging for several displays of Scandinavian items and entertainment promoting the culture of the Scandinavian countries; these were met

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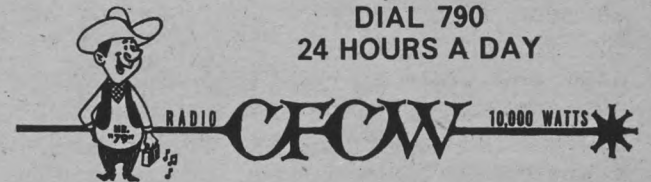
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with a great deal of enthusiasm on the part of those who viewed them. We have now been notified that a large cultural event will be held at the Jubilee Auditorium during the coming year and that we shall be asked to participate.

Our Queen Contest was held in September, 1974, with only three contestants: Inge Nielsen was crowned our very charming Miss Scandinavian Centre Queen for 1975. I would recommend that this contest in the future be held during the month of May when I feel there would be more interest shown by our members.

With regards to Scandapades I can only say that the Board regrets as much as you do that, in spite of a diligent search, we were unable to find anyone who was willing or able to devote the necessary time and work to such a production; we are, however, optimistic that 1976 will see another tremendous successful Scandapades. □

PUBLICITY

By Anne Sahuri

As Director of Publicity I have written "Splinters from the Board" column throughout the year for the Scandinavian Centre News. During 1974 most of our publicity has been directed through our newspaper, as it has never been considered that a budget for publicity was necessary. I would recommend that a certain amount of money be allocated yearly for the purpose of publicity.

The weekly Saturday morning news report from the Scandinavian Centre over CFCW radio station has been conducted by Mr. Les Greenham with some help from me, Margaret Cameron, Allan Sorensen and Claus Jacobsen; special thanks to Mr. Greenham.

We have also used the free service offered by most radio and television stations during their public announcement programs. Results of our New Year's Dance announcement were exceptionally good, and we had to cancel some of them when all the tickets had been sold some weeks before the new year.

Towards the end of the year it was decided to have post-cards printed as part of a promotion program for the Centre. These will show a multi-coloured, three-way picture of the Centre, and should be arriving shortly; they will be available from our Centre Manager. □

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

By Per Nielsen

At the organizational meeting held at the Scandinavian Centre on February 27, 1974, I was elected Director of Social Functions. Before the first meeting of the new Board in March, I worked out plans for our Mother's Day Smorgasbord dinner. I

am proud to say that the day went over very well. In two settings, we served 357 adults and 70 children.

The next function was the 10th Anniversary of the opening of the Scandinavian Centre. The plans for a big party were worked out and I hoped for a sell-out of the tickets, and felt that they would be gone within a week after they went on sale. The plans were for dinner for 400 people upstairs, and thereafter refreshments and dancing both up and downstairs. However, I must admit that the shareholders let me down, or perhaps I should say let the Scandinavian Centre down. About 100 people had the interest in the event to purchase tickets. Am I doing something wrong—or is it you who have no interest in your Centre? It is very disappointing to do the work for such an event where so many people are involved and so few turn out to commemorate such an event. I know that somebody is going to tell me that there should have been some entertainment during that evening, and today, I have to agree. I am therefore going to change the plans for the 11th Anniversary.

The Queen Contest—to be more specific—the crowning of the Queen was held on September 30, 1974. Due to the holiday, etc., the publicity for this party did not get as much attention as it should have. It is impossible to plan and put on a dance in five weeks and expect it to be a success. Nevertheless, about 100 people turned out to see the contestants and the crowning of Miss Inga Nielsen representing the Danish Society "Dania". It was a better turnout than the previous years, and I am working on a plan to fill the Centre for our next crowning. I feel that the 25 to 30 people Sunday afternoon turnouts to watch the crowning which has occurred in past years is terrible when we have 3,000 or so shareholders.

The year is going by and I am getting more acquainted with the responsibilities which I took on in February. The plan for the New Year's Party was laid out and everything went accordingly. It was a sell-out and then some. The tickets were sold out about the 10th of December, and another 200 or so could have been sold had there been room. The food, smorgasbord style, went over very well. The hall was decorated a bit; the hats, noise-makers, drop of balloons at midnight—all added to the near-perfect evening, as well as the door prizes.

That ends my report for this year, but in closing I would like to say thank you to all who helped make it a good year. Thank you to the Board of Directors for helping me out when I was in doubt, and thank you to the

shareholders for coming out when we called on you. I hope to see you all in the coming season, and if you had a good time last year—bring a friend this year and let's stand together and make 1975 a better year for the Scandinavian Centre. □

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150TH ANNIVERSARY**TENTATIVE PROGRAM FOR SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS**

Official Sesquicentennial Committees have been established in New York, Chicago, Minneapolis and Seattle, and a coordinating national commission meets regularly to coordinate program activities. In Norway a national committee is planning three days of festivities starting on July 4 in Stavanger.

The tentative program for the United States calls for the opening of 150th anniversary celebrations in New York on October 7. Among the highlights of the three-day program here will be a Carnegie Hall program led by television personality Erik Bye (to be shown later on Norwegian television), a ceremony at the Immigration Museum on Liberty Island and a banquet at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

The celebrations will then move to Minneapolis, where the Minnesota Orchestra will play a concert on October 11 with works by Norwegian composers. The following day Norwegian Bishop Kåre Stølen will conduct a worship service in the Norwegian language at Central Lutheran Church in downtown Minneapolis. Explorer-author Thor Heyerdahl will be featured in a program in the Civic Auditorium. Programs are also planned in Northfield, Minn., and Decorah, Iowa, two towns with rich traditions in the educational and cultural fields. St. Olaf College in Northfield and Luther College in Decorah both were established by Norwegian immigrants, and the Norwegian-American Museum in Decorah has a comprehensive collection of items representing the life of pioneers from Norway.

Next, the official celebrations shift to Chicago. The opening of a Sesquicentennial Photographic Exhibit and a luncheon hosted by the City of Chicago are planned for October 16. A visit by special guests to Sloop settlements in the Fox River Valley, a luncheon in Ottawa, Illinois, and a banquet at the Conrad Hilton Hotel are on the program for the following day.

In Washington State, the official program starts on October 18 with a dinner in Tacoma. The next day there will be rededication ceremonies for the Ballard First Lutheran Church in Seattle, a sailing regatta, a mass sailing of the "Norwegian" fishing fleet and a

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March 27 - Maunday Thursday Communion, 8:00 p.m. - Danish

March 28 - Good Friday Communion, 11:00 a.m. - English

March 30 - Easter Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - Danish

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visit to Tillicum village for a friendship dinner with Indian food and entertainment. In the evening, the Sølvgtutene Boys' Choir will give a concert in the Seattle Opera House.

The above represents merely the highlights of tentative schedules. Numerous additional activities are planned and will be held throughout the sesquicentennial year, including concerts, art exhibits and lectures. Major works dealing with the immigration have been published or will appear later in the year.

On February 23, "Race of Light" (see last issue of the Scandinavian Centre News) was held in Breckenridge, Colorado. Modeled after the annual Knight's Race in Norway, it is an attempt to show that blind people can enjoy cross-country skiing and outdoor activities.

On March 4 actress Liv Ullmann will appear in a benefit performance of Henrik Ibsen's "A Doll's House" at the Vivian Beaumont Theatre at Lincoln Centre in New York City. On May 20 there will be a banquet onboard the Norwegian America Line's cruise liner Vistafjord. In late August and early September, the Norwegian sailing vessel and training ship "Christian Radich" will visit Washington, D.C., New York and other East Coast ports.

ROYAL FAMILY INVITED

Norway's Royal Family has been invited to attend the sesquicentennial celebrations in the four major locations in October. □

KING OLAV TO THE UNITED STATES

According to an announcement from the Royal Palace, H.M. King Olav V has accepted an invitation to attend celebrations in the United States of the 150th Anniversary of Norwegian Emigration to America. □

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES
To Howard and Heather MacNaughton, belated congratulations to you on your 3rd Anniversary, the 26th of February. □

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their selection in accordance with these criteriae.

1. Personality.
2. Poise.
3. Talent.
4. Beauty.

Should you wish to discuss this further, or to register as a contestant, you are invited to call Sister Astrid Hope, 469-4747; Sister Esther Richardson, 475-4663; or Miss Darlene Melsness, 426-1485, the Queen Committee. □